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SUBJECT: GATT PANEL ON DISC AND RELATED TAX PRACTICES

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1. CULBERT REPORTS GABRIELSSON IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED, FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO AMERICANS, AND FAIR-MINDED; FACT THAT BORDER TAX WP DEGENERATED NEAR END SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS REFLECTION ON GABRIELSSON.

2. THEREFORE, MISSION URGES U.S. TELL PATTERSON WE APPRECIATE HIS CAUTIOUS HANDLING OF PROPOSED NOMINATION BUT DO ACCEPT GABRIELSSON FOR SUBJECT PANEL. DEPT. MAY WISH DO THIS DURING PATTERSON'S WASHINGTON VISIT SEPTEMBER 1-4.

3. AS ANTICIPATED IN GENEVA 7621, 23 DECEMBER 1974, DISC PANEL CHAIRMAN AMB. LAI OF MALAYSIA IS UNLIKELY CONTINUE BE AVAILABLE. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS ALREADY INFORMED US UNOFFICIALLY THAT LAI HAS QUIETLY ASKED THE SECRETARIAT TO BEGIN TO WORK OUT A NEW NOMINEE. LIKE HUSLID, LAI REPORTEDLY WAS AGHAST UPON BEING REMINDED HE HAD ONCE AGREED TO SERVE; HE TOO HAD LONG SINCE FORGOTTEN. WITH HIS NEW DUTIES IN BRUSSELS AND ELSEWHERE, LAI EXPECTS BE TOO BUSY. RECOMMEND THIS QUESTION ALSO BE INFORMALLY EXPLORED WITH PATTERSON DURING WASHINGTON VISIT. ABRAMS
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